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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
(Based on PCT/JP00/04453)

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FOR: SOYBEAN-GERM OIL AND :
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION
OF GERM-ENRICHED SOYBEAN
MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

A1 3. (Amended) A soybean material containing 15-80% by weight of the germ content, which is produced by the method according to Claim 1.

A2 6. (Amended) Oil prepared from a soybean material containing 15-80% by weight of the germ content which is produced by the method according to Claim 1.

A3 8. (Amended) Oil according to Claim 4, in which a content of Campesterol in the total sterol is 7.0-14% by weight or less.